THE ASPINWALL DISASTER.

Narrow Escapes-What is Nitro-Glyco-

Some narrow escapes from destruction by the explosion at Aspinwail are reported. One of the most remarkable was that of the American brig Kremtin, of the Boston Ice Company, which iay not more than one hundred cet astern of the European, immediately between her and the freight house. The brig escaped almost uninjured; her deck cabin was strained a lew inches out of place, while the freight house is a comp ete rein.

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Fortunately, at the time of the secident only four of the cle ks connected with the treight department in Aspinwall were at their posts. Two on the what were instantly killed; the other two Mr. Burnham and Mr. Forman, were in the treight house, out with wonderful presence of mind, on seeing the roof falling, one climbed over a car and sheltered himse f in a window, while the outer stepped into a doorway, and both were saved. In remainder of the clerks were in the neighborhood of the ticket office, seeing the train start for Panama, which, by some good Providence, had been detained nearly half an hour behind time, and thus saved the lives of most of the young men connected with the freight offices. Had they been in the building many of them must have perished.

WHAT IS NITRO-GLY CERINE ? WHAT IS NITRO-CLYCEBINE?

This compound, more commonly known as blasting of, is a pale yellow only haud of I despecific gravity, insoluble in water. It does not explode by direct flame, and when exploded by a fuse or concussion leaves no residue. It explodes with great rapidity and lorce, and the discoverer claims that it can be kept an indefinite time without decomposition. A few drops on an anvil detonates under the blow of a hammer, but the explosion is not communicated beyond the drop which receives the blow, and repeated blows are required to defonate the whole quantity. It can be heated to 212 degrees Fabrenheit without igniting, but explodes at about \$60 degrees Fabrenheit, It is poisonous, producing

store the state of verted into a highly explosive substance, which he called nitro-gycerine. It is only, heavier than water, soluble in alcohol and other, and acts so pow-

water, solve is in alcohol and other, and acts so powerfully on the nervous system that a single drop placed on the tip of the tongue will cause a violent headache, which will last for several hours.

M. Noble, a Swedish engineer, has succeeded in applying it to a very important branch of his arc, mimely—blasting. From a paper addressed by him to the Academy of Sciences we learn that the chief advantage which this substance, composed of one part of giveerine and three parts of nitric acid, possesses, is that it requires a much smaller hole or chamber than gunpowder does, the strength of the latter being scarcely one-tenth of the former. Hence the miner's work, which, according to the hardness of the rock, represents some five to twenty times the power of the gunpowder used, is so short that the cost of blasting is often reduced by fifty per cent, The process is yery easy. If the chamber of the mine presents fissures it must be fined with clay to make it water-tight; this done, the nitro glycerine is poured in, the water after it, which, being the lighter liquid, remains at the top. A slow match, with a well-charged percussion cap at one end, is then introduced into the nitro glycerine. The mine way then be suring by lighting the match, there

may then te sprung by lighting the match; there being no need of tamping.

One volume of the oil produces, in combustion, 554 volumes of hydrogen, 459 volumes carbonic acid, 39 volumes oxygen, 256 volumes nitrogen. One younge thus suddenly expands to nearly one thousand three hundred times its original space was wo time thus suddenly expands to nearly one thousand three hundred times its original space, producing an irresistible disruptive force. As the expansive force is greater than that of gunpowder, smaller holes and fewer charges will be required. The oil is simply poured into the drill holes and water-tight safety-tuse attached, and the hole stopped with sand or water. It is often poured through water into the holes, and as it does not, like glyestine, mix with water, being heavy, it sinks to the bottom and the water above serves as a plug. If the blasting oil be frozen it must be handled with care blasting oil he frozen it must be handled with care as an engineer in Germany found to his cost when trying to break up some trozen pieces with his pick.

It could be frozen in tin cases of proper size, and in-troduced in the same manner that gan cotton is.

The question whether nitro-glycerine undergoes spontaneous decomposition or not 15 by no means settled. It is well known that gun cotion, if not property washed, and if exposed even to diffused light, undergoes spontaneous decomposition, and as recent instances of explosion in this city. San Francisco, and now at Panama, are attributed to nitrogycerine, it is necessary to be cautious about storing quantities of the city netter party to be cautious about storing quantities of the oil in cities puth the matter is suffi-ciently investigated.—N. Y. Egening Post,

CIVIL RIGHTS.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT DECISION-THE LAW SUSTAINED.

From the Chicago Republican. The case of Barnes against Browning, the first in which the Civil Rights act has been involved, has just been decided by Judge Test, at Lafayette, Indiaca. As our readers may remember, Barnes, a negro, sued Browning, a hotel proprietor at Lafayette, for a balance one him for wages. Browning pleaded that the constitution of Indiana forbids negress to enter the State, and disqualifies them to make or enforce contracts. The counsel of Barnes demurred to this detense that this provision or the Constitution was annuled by the Civil Rights law just enacted by Congress; and this view being sustained by the justices' courf, the question went up to the circuit court on appeal. The judgment of that court was rendered by Judge Test on Saturday last He holds that the article in the State Constitution relied upon by Browning is set aside, not only by the Civil Rights act, but by the effect of the recent antisslavery amendment to the national Constitution. As the Civil Rights act has not yet been officially promulgated, it is upon this last ground that the judgment of the court in this case rests. In view of that amendment Judge Test determines that Barnes is a citizen of the United States, and just as fully qualified as any white man to bring a defaulting creditor to justice, any provision in the Constitution of Indiana to the contrary notwithstanding. The case of Barnes against Browning, the first in

A SAFE ROBBED BY BOYS.

A Tin Box Containing Over \$1700 Stolen -Arrest of the Thieves and Recovery of a Portion of the Property.

On the morning of the 9th inst, a tin box containing \$1400 in gold, a gold certificate for \$300, \$66 in Treasury notes, \$15 in revenue stamps, and \$3.05 in tractional currency (altogether of the value of \$1784.05), was stolen from the safe of Thomas Irwin's Sons, brokers, at No. 19 Broad street. It has since been ascerteined that on the morning in question two boys named Henry Ketter and John McCullough, who are employed by Black & Spaulding, having a desk in the same room as the owners of the property,

are the thieves. McCullough, who was arrested soon after the robbery, finally confessed that on the evening in question, on returning from the post office at in question, on returning from the post office at 6 o'clock, they having by some means become possessed of the ward which enabled them to undo the fastenings of the combination lock with which the safe was fitted, entered the office, opened the safe, and abstracted the box containing the property. This was conveyed by the boys to the cellar of the house occupied by Henry's mother, No. 310 Worth street, and there secreted. Henry took all the treasury notes, \$5 of which he gave to John, and \$50 to his mother for board. The revenue stamps were sold by John for \$11, and the amount given to Henry. Soon after the robbery the boys were arrested by Detective Eustace, but after being incarcerated for two days, and no evidence appearing rated for two days, and no evidence appearing against them, were discharged. At this time the the-box containing the money was in the cellar of the house above mentioned. Sergeant Caster, of the Fiftieth (Brooklyn) Precinct, then took the matter in hand, and rearrested McCul-lough, and he contessed to the above statement

lough, and he contessed to the above statement of facts.

In the meantime Ketter had made the acquaintance of two boys named Henry Scully and Robert Halliday, and they, by means of threats of denouncing him to the officer, learned where the box was secreted. After the arrest of Ketter, when the above facts became known, Sergeant Caster searched the house, and found that the box had been removed. He then arrested Scully and Halladay on suspicion of stealing the box. They, however, declare that they know nothing about it. Still another boy. ing the box. They, however, declare that they know nothing about it. Still another boy named James McGee, residing at No. 224 Third street, was arrested, and he states that Souliy and Halladay gave him \$42, which they said was part of the proceeds of the sale of the gold. The \$50 given by Ketter to his mother has been recovered, together with \$42 from McGee. \$42.55 from Scully, and \$42.75 from Halladay. McGee is held as a witness. The remainder of the prisoners were yesterday committed by Justice Shandley.—N. Y. Tribune.

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The Chinese in San Francisco-Visit to the Pagan Temple.

Wednesday last, besides being Ash Wednesday Wednesday last, besides being Ash Wednesday and Vaientine day, was the first of the new year among the Chinese of this city. I believe I have teld you that there are from 5000 to 10,000 of the moon-eyed Colestials in this city. Among them are some very wealthy and respectable merchants, and the "doings" of the New Year holionys (four days) have been quite interesting. Fireworks and crackers have been rattling in all parts of the city, but more especially in that part of the town known as China-town, where most of the "Johns" reside, Many of these merchants kept open house, and received their white friends with as much dignity and ceremony as "any other man." Champagne and other wines were expended with the writer. other wines were expended with liberality.

The temple was opened to all Melican visitors

who would honor them with their presence, and I, among others, "honored" them with a call. The building is situated in a miserable dirty alley, and is a small building, three stories in height. The first story seems to be occupied as height. The first story seems to be occupied as a sleeping and smoking department. There were a number of the "Johns" lingering in blissful repose upon the floor, while others were enjoying the luxury of a smoke. The strong fumes of opium which they smoke not having a salutary effect upon my olfactory organs, I was obliged to beat a hasty retreat, and forthwith mounted to the second story. All about this room were characters in the Chinese language, brilliant lights were suspended from the ceiting, and meense burned upon the several altars where were reared the gods whom they worship. On one side were arranged standards or poles On one side were arranged standards or poles upon which were banners. These standards were surrounded with figures, carved from brass, in the shape of dragons and monstrosi-ties of various forms. Near this was reared an altar or pedestal where an ugly looking animal of the dragon species received the homage of the "Johns." Around the "animale" were some beautiful specimens of Chinese handiwork, consisting of carved wood, embroidered work, and artificial flowers, the whole being under a canopy of carved wood-work handsomely gilded with of carved wood-work, handsomely gilded with

of carved wood-work, handsomery graced gold, silver, and cormine.

Before this nondescript idol were placed plates containing oranges, candies, and cups of tea, given as an offering; but the gentle "pussy" tea, given as an offering; but the gentle "pussy" to be the gentl with the immense mouth and open jaws touched

In another portion of the room was placed a large number, one hundred or more, small figures carved from brass, representing Chinese in various attitudes and postures. I inferred that this was some historical representation. There were several spreads of most exquisite embroidery work, the figures being of the dragon and mermaid order, handsomely wrought in gold and silver, upon heavy scarlet silk.

se were offered for sale at \$70 each. The third story is the most important one, for here in all his majesty and glory sits the "Josh" of Joshes, Tong Gee. He is a jolly, fat, and seemingly a very good natured old fellow; his mouth is rather larger than is necessary for a mortal to possess, and he grins constantly. He is a wooden man, but a great man among the Chinese. His complexion is rather darker than that of his devotees, being of a dark brown. He sports a moustache of huge size. He also had several plates of oranges, candies, and a pot of tea before him. Whether it happened to be his lunch hour or not, I did not ascertain. He was seated under a canopy of richly embroidered sliks, carved wood-work, and artificial Chinese flowers, all arranged with that taste and skill which the Chinese alone possess. There was also a piece of embroidery work here which is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. It was made in China, and exported to this country expressly for the temple. As far as my observa-tions extended, I judge that the Chinese may have no service. There was a large number present, but they seemed to be as unconcerned as their visitors.—Cor. Rochester Union and Advertiser.

-A convict in the Rochester Penitentiary confesses to the murder of Jonathan Orton, in Rochester, some time since. The statement is known to be false, and got up for the purpose of obtaining notoriety: but a local paper proposes to take the rascal at his word, and hang him for lying, and thus save the county the expense of board.

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